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SUBJ: WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICANS FROM ETHIOPIA

1. NOW THAT WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICANS FROM BOTH ADDIS ABABA
AND ASMARA IS COMPLETE, I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHERE TO
BEGIN TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION TO ALL
THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TOWARD MAKING THE OPERATION A SUCCESS,
INCLUDING SO MANY PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES I DON'T EVEN KNOW. NONE-
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THELESS, I ESPECIALLY WANT TO COMMEND IN HIGHEST TERMS
THE FOLLOWING FIVE MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY, CONGEN AND
KAGNEW STAFFS WITHOUT WHOSE OUTSTANDING DEDICATION,
IMAGINATION, PROFESSIONALISM, ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY,
PERSEVERANCE AND TEAMWORK, THE JOB NEVER WOULD HAVE
BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, AND I ASK THAT THIS MESSAGE BE MADE
PART OF THEIR PERSONNEL FILES:

BGEN. RICHARD S. FYE, CMAAG
PAO ARTHUR W. LEWIS, USIS
LCDR DENNIS E. COLE, NAMRU
ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER, ASMARA - KEITH L. WAUCHOPE
LT. RICARD B. FAHNER, NAVCOMMUNIT

2. IN ADDITION, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEP GRATITUDE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND ESPECIALLY THE PERSONNEL OF 21ST AIR FORCE FOR THEIR SUPERB PERFORMANCE IN ARRANING FOR AND FLYING THE C-141'S THAT WERE SO VITAL TO SUCCESS. THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FLIGHT CREWS, IN PARTICULAR, WAS NOT ONLY OUTSTANDING, IT WAS FLAWLESS. MOREOVER, I DOUBT IF WE COULD HAVE MADE IT HERE IN ADDIS WITHOUT THE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE OF MAJOR BUYS AND HIS 435TH MAC WING LOADING CREW. TO HIM AND TO HIS CREW, I EXTEND MY HEARTFELT THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

3. FINALLY, TO ALL THOSE IN THE STATE WORKING GROUP, IN EMBASSY ATHENS, AND IN THE ADDRESSEE MILITARY COMMANDS WHO PROVIDED THE ESSENTIAL BACKUP AND GUIDANCE SO PROMPTLY AND UNRESERVEDLY, AND WHO PATIENTLY BORE WITH US, I CAN BUT EXPRESS MY PROFOUND APPRECIATION, AND THANKS. THE OCCASION WAS NOT ONE FROM WHICH WE SHOULD TAKE ANY JOY, BUT THE RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGE WAS NOTHING SHORT OF MAGNIFICENT. NOT ONLY AM I GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE HELP WE RECEIVED, I AM ENORMOUSLY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN AN AMERICAN DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME
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AND TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH YOU ALL.
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